

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	No. _____
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	Kidnapping Resulting in Death
v.	)	18 U.S.C. § 1201(a)(1)
	)	NMT: Death
<b>JOHN EDWARD ROBINSON,</b>	)	NLT: Life Imprisonment
[DOB: xx/xx/1943],	)	NMT: \$250,000 Fine
	)	\$100 Mandatory Special Assessment
Defendant.	)	Class A Felony

**I N D I C T M E N T**

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT :

Beginning on or about February 12, 2000, and continuing to on or about March 1, 2000, in the Western District of Missouri and elsewhere, **JOHN EDWARD ROBINSON**, defendant herein, did knowingly, willfully, and unlawfully inveigle and decoy Suzette Trouten through false statements and deceit to transport Suzette Trouten from the State of Michigan through the Western District of Missouri and elsewhere to the State of Kansas for the purpose of holding Suzette Trouten for the benefit of **JOHN EDWARD ROBINSON** and for his sexual gratification by sadistic sexual abuse resulting in the death of Suzette Trouten; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1201(a)(1).

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL FINDINGS**

The Grand Jury incorporates by reference and realleges the allegations in the sole count of the indictment and makes the following special findings:

1. **JOHN EDWARD ROBINSON** was more than 18 years of age at the time he committed the offense. [18 U.S.C. § 3591(a).]

2. **JOHN EDWARD ROBINSON** intentionally killed Suzette Trouten. [18 U.S.C. § 3591(a)(2)(A).]
3. **JOHN EDWARD ROBINSON** intentionally inflicted serious bodily injury which resulted in the death of Suzette Trouten. [18 U.S.C. § 3591(a)(2)(B).]
4. **JOHN EDWARD ROBINSON** intentionally participated in an act, contemplating that the life of Suzette Trouten would be taken and that lethal force would be used against Suzette Trouten, who was not a participant in the offense, and Suzette Trouten died as a direct result of the act. [18 U.S.C. § 3591(a)(2)(C).]
5. **JOHN EDWARD ROBINSON** intentionally and specifically engaged in an act of violence, knowing that the act created a grave risk of death to Suzette Trouten who was not a participant in the offense, such that Robinson's participation in the act constituted a reckless disregard for human life, and Suzette Trouten died as a direct result of the act. [18 U.S.C. § 3591(a)(2)(D).]
6. The death, and injury resulting in the death, of Suzette Trouten occurred during the commission and attempted commission of the kidnapping of Suzette Trouten, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1201(a). [18 U.S.C. § 3592(c)(1).]
7. **JOHN EDWARD ROBINSON** has previously been convicted of other State offenses resulting in the death of women, for which a sentence of life imprisonment or a sentence of death was authorized by statute, [18 U.S.C. § 3592(c)(3)], as follows:

<u>Conviction</u>	<u>Victim</u>	<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Sentence</u>
Murder - Capital	Izabela Lewicka	00CR1444	Johnson Co., KS	Death

Murder - 1 <sup>st</sup>	Lisa Stasi	00CR1444	Johnson Co., KS	Life
Murder - 1 <sup>st</sup>	Paula Godfrey	CR300-996FX	Cass Co., MO	Life
Murder - 1 <sup>st</sup>	Catherine Clampitt	CR300-996FX	Cass Co., MO	Life
Murder - 1 <sup>st</sup>	Beverly Bonner	CR300-996FX	Cass Co., MO	Life
Murder - 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sheila Faith	CR300-996FX	Cass Co., MO	Life
Murder - 1 <sup>st</sup>	Debbie Faith	CR300-996FX	Cass Co., MO	Life

8. **JOHN EDWARD ROBINSON** kidnapped and killed Suzette Trouten in an especially heinous, cruel, or depraved manner consisting of torture and serious physical and sexual abuse to the victim. [18 U.S.C. § 3592(c)(6).]
9. **JOHN EDWARD ROBINSON** committed the offense after substantial planning and premeditation to cause the death of Suzette Trouten. [18 U.S.C. § 3592(c)(9).]

A TRUE BILL.

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FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY

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